

ANTIQUITY OF DECORATIVE ART

Strange Sources From Which Pigments Used by Modern Painters Are Derived.

PRESERVATION OF SURFACES.

Crude but Effective Processes Employed by the Egyptians and Greeks of Pliny's Day—Noah Prudently Waterproofed the Ark.

Whether paint was invented in answer to a need for a preservative or to meet a desire for beauty is a question fully as knotty as the ancient one about the relative time of arrival of the chicken or the egg. It was invented, though, and it serves both purposes equally; so whether it is an offspring of mother necessity or an adopted son of beauty remains forever a disputed question.

The first men, cowering under the fierce and glaring suns of the biblical countries, constructed rude huts of wood to shelter them. The perishable nature of these structures caused rapid decay, and it is probable that the occupants, seeking some artificial means of preservation, hit upon the pigments of the earth in their search. It is perhaps natural to suppose that it was the instinct of preservation that led men to the search, although the glories of the sunsets and the beauties of the rainbow may have created a desire to imitate those wonders in their own dwellings.

The earliest record of the application of a preservative to a wooden structure dates from the ark, which was, according to the Bible, "pitched within and without." The pitch was a triumph of preservation whatever it lacked as a thing of beauty.

Decoration applied to buildings first comes to light with ancient Babylon, whose walls were covered with representations of hunting scenes and of combat. These were done in red and the method followed was to paint the scene on the bricks at the time of manufacture, assuring permanence by baking. Strictly speaking, this was not painting so much as it was the earliest manifestation of our own familiar kaolining.

The first Hebrew to mention painting is Moses. In the thirty-third chapter of the book of Numbers, he instructs the Israelites, "When ye have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then shall ye drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their pictures."

At later periods the Jews adopted many customs of the peoples who successively obtained power over them and in the apocryphal book of the Maccabees is found this allusion to the art of decorating, "For as the master builder of a new house must care for the whole building, but he that undertaketh to set it out and paint it, must seek out things for the adorning thereof."

Although Homer gives credit to a Greek for the discovery of paint, the allusions to it in the books of Moses, the painted mummy cases of the Egyptians and the decorated walls of Babylon and Thebes fix its origin at a period long antecedent to the Grecian era. The walls of Thebes were painted 1,900 years before the coming of Christ and 200 years before "Omer wrote his blooming" lyric.

The Greeks recognized the value of paint as a preservative and made use of something akin to it on their ships. Pliny writes of the mode of boiling wax and painting ships with it, after which, he continues, "neither the sea, nor the wind, nor the sun can destroy the wood thus protected."

The Romans, being essentially a warlike people, never brought the decoration of buildings to the high plane it had reached with the Greeks. For all that the ruins of Pompeii show many structures whose mural decorations are in fair shape today. The colors used were glaring. A black background was the usual one and the combinations worked thereon red, yellow and blue.

In the early Christian era the use of mosaics for pictures somewhat supplanted mural painting. Still, during the reign of Justinian the Church of Saint Sophia was built at Constantinople and its walls were adorned with paintings.

In modern times the uses of paint have come to be as numerous as its varied shades and tints. Paint is unique in that its name has no synonym and for it there is no substitute material. Bread is the staff of life, but paint is the life of the staff.

No one thinks of the exterior of a wooden building now except in terms of paint coated. Interiors, too, from painted walls and stained furniture down to the lowliest kitchen utensil, all receive their protective covering. Steel, so often associated with cement in enforcing, is painted before it goes to give solidity to the manufactured stone. The huge girders of the skyscrapers are daubed an ugly but efficient red underneath the surface coat of black. Perhaps the best example of the value of paint on steel is found in the venerable Brooklyn bridge, on which a gang of painters is kept going continually. It is scarce possible to think of a single manufactured article which does not need paint somewhere in the course of its construction. So has paint grown into the very marrow of our lives.

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SOME THINGS HUGHES HEALTH DISTRICT BILL PROVIDES.

Each city over 25,000 and each county a separate district.

Two districts may voluntarily unite.

Whole-time health officer, at least one nurse and at least one clerk in each district.

Adequate nursing service for all parts of district.

Five-member county board of health chosen by mayors and township trustees' chairmen in district.

State subsidy—maximum \$2,000—toward payment of district salaries.

Civil service control over appointments.

Medical supervision of school children.

Free treatment of venereal diseases.

Inspection of public institutions and food-handling establishments.

Free public health laboratories for all districts.

Free diphtheria antitoxin.

Budget system of controlling expenditures; apportionment of costs among townships and municipalities on population basis.

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

This Is Slogan of Backers of Hughes Health Bill.

UNNECESSARY LOSS OF LIFE

Measure Provides For Trained Health Officer In Every County In the State.

The influenza epidemic found Ohio inadequately equipped to meet the situation, and many localities had unnecessarily high death totals as a result of this unpreparedness.

The state department of health makes this assertion and points to numerous instances in which communities hard hit by the epidemic were entirely without public health forces to fight the disease. Health officers in many localities in the state are men totally untrained in the science of preventing disease. Even where physicians were employed as health officers they are usually doctors without specialized training in public health work and besides, in time of serious epidemic, their private practice makes such great demands upon their time that they have little opportunity to do effective work in behalf of the public.

Only hurried efforts of the state department of health, the Red Cross and the United States public health service prevented Ohio's loss from being much heavier during the winter, persons acquainted with the situation declare.

To remove the necessity in future disease outbreaks for eleventh-hour work, such as these agencies had hastily to do in the recent epidemic, a bill is pending in the legislature. It is known as House Bill No. 241—the Hughes bill. It establishes each county and each city of more than 25,000 population as a health district, required by law to have a trained health officer, devoting full time to public interests and aided by necessary nurses, physicians and other workers.

The existence of such a system as this last fall, it is believed, would have saved hundreds of lives.

That no city incorporated in a county health district under the pending Hughes bill shall receive inferior sanitary service to that now maintained by the municipal health department, is one of the provisions of the proposed measure.

CONTRACTS TO BE LET FOR IMPROVED ROADS IN KNOX COUNTY

(By Associated Press to The Banner) COLUMBUS, O., March 24—Clinton Cowen, state highway commissioner has announced that bids will be received on March 28th for the construction of 41.15 miles of new state and road in thirteen counties of Ohio. The estimated cost of the contracts on which bids are to be received is \$1,101,829.28. The contracts to be let are:

Columbiana, Cleveland—East Liverpool—9.98 miles.
Galena, Ohio River—0.56 miles.
Greene, Columbus—Cincinnati—3.83 miles.

Guernsey, Steubenville—Cambridge—1.81 miles.

Hancock, Findlay—Kent—2.91 miles.

Holmes, Millersburg—Wooster—2.59 miles.

Knox, Columbus—Millersburg—4.18 miles.

Knox, Columbus—Wooster—4.02 miles.

Montgomery, Cincinnati—Dayton—1.92 miles.

Montgomery, Cincinnati—Dayton—1.34 miles.

Muskingum, Zanesville—Cincinnati—4.15 miles.

Pike, Columbus—Portsmouth—1.9 miles.

Scioto, Ohio River—1.51 miles.

Scioto, Portsmouth—Lancaster—1.01 miles.

Wayne, Cleveland—Wooster—5.00 miles.

Wayne, Ashland—Wooster—6.72 miles.

Wayne, Mansfield—Wooster—1.23 miles.

Records Broken

(By Associated Press to The Banner) PARIS, March 24—All records for attendance at a boxing program were shattered recently in the little city of Le Mans in France when 25,500 spectators gathered to watch the contests arranged by the Knights of Columbus.

The ring was set in an open square in the heart of the French city and no great was the interest taken by the French residents that more than 3,000 of the natives gathered to watch the fighters. Vehicles of every description were seen near the square, the French peasants having driven for miles to watch the affair which drew, it is said, the largest crowd ever in attendance at a boxing show in Europe.

RECEIVES RADIO FROM SON

WASHINGTON, C.H., March 24—Mrs. J. D. Kerr received a radio message via Boston today from her son, Capt. George M. Kerr, 147th field hospital, Thirty-seventh division, aboard the Montana, stating that his contingent of the division would arrive at New York Tuesday, March 25.

TO AID COLORED PEOPLE

OBERLIN, March 24—Headquarters of the Oberlin branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People have been opened here. Oberlin has the distinction of having the largest membership according to the ratio of colored population, with 150 members.

The organization will promote the social, religious and economic welfare of colored people throughout the country.

The following were elected officers: President, Rev. S. H. Sweeney; vice president, Joseph Smith; secretary, Samuel Coleman; treasurer, Hamilton Mosby.

SHARP TO SAIL APRIL 11

(By Associated Press to The Banner) Paris, March 24—William Graves Sharp, retiring American ambassador to France, has decided to sail for home on April 1.

LOCAL PRODUCE.

The following are prices paid by H. V. Smoot for farm produce, delivered at his warehouse:

Fresh Eggs	34c
No. 1 Country Butter	26c
No. 2 Country Butter	27c
Heavy Hens	28c
Light Hens	26c
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Small Spring Chickens	26c
Old Roosters	18c
Ducks	26c
Geese	26c
Turkeys	28c

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WHOLESOME DISHES.

A nice breakfast dish for those who are fond of tomatoes and put up a good quantity for winter use is the following: Take a pint or less of tomatoes, the amount depending upon the size and appetite of the family, add boiling water to

thin the tomato, two-thirds of a cupful or more (if the tomato is well packed in the can) to a pint of tomato, season with pepper, salt, and as much butter as one can conscientiously use. Prepare bread by slicing, then moisten and heat in a dry oven until very hot, but not dry. Butter each piece and serve covered with the hot seasoned tomato. For those who like sugar, that may be sprinkled on the tomato to suit the taste.

Cottage Cheese Molded With Olives.—Cut slices from four olives, lengthwise, discarding the stones; fill a small charlotte mold with two strips of waxed paper, letting the ends hang out on the four sides; these will make the mold easy to remove. With a landing or knitting needle arrange the olives in some fancy design in the bottom of the mold, then press cottage cheese well seasoned with salt, paprika, cream or melted butter, sprinkle with sliced olives and fill the mold with cheese.

Toast With Cottage Cheese Sauce.—Prepare slices of toast, well buttered, and pour over the following: Take two tablespoonfuls of butter, and when bubbling hot add two tablespoonfuls of flour, a half-teaspoonful of salt, a few dashes of paprika and a cupful of rich milk. Cook all together until thick and smooth, then stir in one-half cupful of cottage cheese pressed through a ricer. Dip the edges of the toast into hot water before putting on the butter, cover with the hot sauce and serve.

Hot Meat Sandwiches.—Make a good baking powder biscuit dough, using one cupful each of oat flour and wheat flour, roll out in a thin sheet and sprinkle with well-chopped, cooked and seasoned meat. Roll up and cut into six pieces, stand on end, dot with a bit of chicken or other sweet-fat and bake in a hot oven. Serve hot with a good cream sauce or brown gravy.

Nellie Maxwell

GREATER DANGERS IN CIVIL LIFE THAN ARMY

Ohioans returning from military service expose themselves to greater disease dangers in civil life than they incurred in the army or navy, according to health officials. Typhoid fever and smallpox, especially, are almost unknown in the army and navy and venereal diseases are much less prevalent than in the civilian population, statistics show.

The constant supervision of health conditions exercised by the medical corps officers of the two branches of the service is credited with low disease prevalence. The pending Hughes health bill, if passed, will establish better health supervision in Ohio communities and is expected to reduce sickness among the general public.

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FOR SALE—Good building lots in Cooper's Park Add., Marsh's Addition on Belmont Ave., just off Sandusky St., one on Gambier Ave., several between Gambier Ave. and the Pennsylvania shops; one on Chester St. between Monroe and Madison, also five lots on East Vine St. in McConeil Add. Wilmut Sperry, Office 30 Public Square. T-T-S-4647

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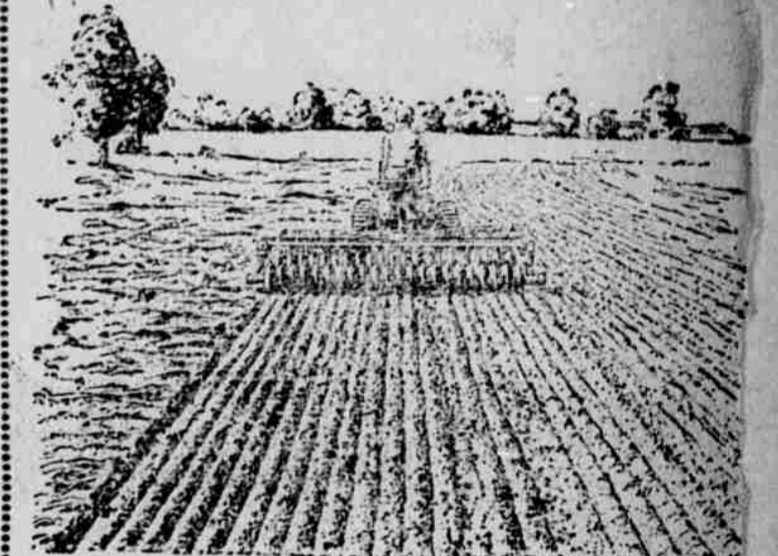
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